

Table 2:
Mean Absolute Percent Errors of Various State Population Projections Series for 5 Years Ahead by Region

Projection Reports	P25-375	P25-477	P25-796	P25-937	P25-1017	P25-1053	P25-1111	Current PPL-47		
Jump off Year	1965	1970	1975	1980	1986	1988	1992	1995		
Evaluation Year	1970	1975	1980	1985	1991	1993	1997	2000	2000	Revised **
Evaluation Yr Data	Census	Estimates	Census	Estimates	Estimates	Estimates	Estimates	Census	Estimates*	Estimates

	<u>Series I-D</u>	<u>Series I-E</u>	<u>Series II-A</u>		<u>Series A</u>	<u>Series A</u>	<u>Series A</u>			
Total (N=51)	3.1	5.2	4.7	3.2	2.6	2.6	1.6	2.6	1.5	1.7
Northeast (N=9)	2.9	4.0	2.9	2.7	1.6	2.3	1.1	2.5	0.8	0.8
Midwest (N=12)	2.7	2.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.2	1.5
South (N=17)	2.9	6.0	5.2	2.4	1.5	1.0	0.6	2.6	0.5	0.9
West (N=13)	3.7	7.6	8.4	6.2	4.7	5.1	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.7

	<u>Series II-D</u>	<u>series II-B</u>		<u>Series B</u>	<u>Series B</u>	<u>Series B</u>		
Total (N=51)	3.0	3.8		2.5	2.5	2.4	1.3	1.5
Northeast (N=9)	2.7	2.3		1.4	3.0	2.6	0.7	0.7
Midwest (N=12)	2.7	1.1		1.8	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.3
South (N=17)	3.1	4.0		1.6	0.8	2.6	0.5	0.9
West (N=13)	3.5	7.0		3.9	4.9	3.1	2.6	2.9

	<u>Series C</u>	<u>Series C</u>
Total (N=51)	2.4	1.7
Northeast (N=9)	2.5	1.3
Midwest (N=12)	1.0	0.9
South (N=17)	0.9	0.8
West (N=13)	4.8	3.4

*The 2000 state population estimates as 4/1/2000 are obtained from the Population Estimates Program with extrapolation.

**The revised 2000 state estimates are obtained from the Population Estimates Program with interpolation to 4/1 from 7/1/2000.

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